

Area School Board Election results

On June 10th area school district patrons took to the polls to elect school board members.

Northwood had a total of 32 votes cast. One rural position was open. Nicole Korsmo, incumbent, received 30 votes and was re-elected. One city position was open. Incumbent Brian Twete received the most votes with 26 and was re-elected. To the question of: "Shall the Northwood Public School District #129, County of Grand Forks, State of North Dakota, publish a record of the proceed-

ings of the School Board in a newspaper of general circulation of the school district of the succeeding two years?" 29 voted Yes, 3 voted No. These results will be officially canvassed on Monday, June 23, 2025 at a Northwood School Board Meeting scheduled for 7:00 a.m. at the Northwood School.

Larimore had a total of 77 votes cast to fill two positions. Wanda Asperheim was re-elected with 56 votes, Tanner Knudson was elected with 50 votes. Also receiving

votes were Nikolaus Groenewold with 33, and there were 2 write-ins. The vote to publish minutes: Yes 71, No 4. The results will not be official until the Larimore School Board canvassing meeting on June 23rd.

Hatton had a total of 94 votes cast votes to elect one school board member at large. The unofficial results are Toby Handly received 70 votes and Michelle Bye received 24. As to the question of publishing proceedings in the newspaper: 58 No votes, 36 Yes.

Aanenson, Naastad receive recognition

By Jessi Kjemhus

Larimore Public School and Northwood Public School are excited to announce they have some big news to share!

Patti Aanenson has been the Athletic Director at Larimore High School for nearly twenty years! This year she was nominated for the opening as president of the North Dakota High School Activities Association and this past week her nomination was accepted resulting in the first female board president in the 117 years of the association.

Aanenson has been a member of the North Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NDIAAA), National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) during her duration of Larimore's Athletic Director. She also served on the



NDIAAA Board of Directors as Secretary for ten years and served two terms as NDIAAA State President.

Linsey Naastad has been one of Hatton-Northwood's track coach over the last couple of years. During this time, the track team numbers have grown immensely and more Hatton-Northwood appear-



ances at state. Naastad pushes and inspires her athletes, and this has not gone unnoticed. As a result, Naastad has been named NDHSCA Spring Assistant Coach of the Year 2025!

Congratulations to Patti Aanenson and Linsey Naastad on their exciting and deserving recognition!

HATTON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

President Jacobson called the regular school board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025. Members present: John Jacobson, Fred Strand, Toby Handly, Sig Letcher, and Justin Askim; others present Kevin Beaudoin; Jen Varriano; Ashley Pawlowski; and Roxanne Phipps. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Confirmation of the agenda. Legend: M=Moved; S=Seconded. All motions carried unless otherwise noted.

Handly, M, Strand, S; to approve the March 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Questions asked and answered on prom charges on the JP Morgan payment. Letcher, M; Handly, S; to approve the Activity Fund checks. Handly, M; Strand, S; to approve the Food Service checks. Handly, M; Strand, S; to approve the General Fund checks listed: Haleigh Jensen, 25.00; ND BCI, 40.00; March 2025 Payroll & Benefits, 206,480.86; ND TFFR, 1,250.58; ACT, 67.50; Barnes & Noble, 37.58; Bytespeed, 985.00; Katlyn Castillo, 194.90; Cole Papers, 532.14; Global Safety Network, 91.16; GST, 9,998.26; Hatton Co-op Oil, 1,957.95; HEPSP Food Service, 648.00; HEPSP Activity Fund, 550.00; Menards, 40.53; Midco, 468.96; Northwood PSD, 12,457.08; Thonetta Peterick, 377.20; Popplers Music Store, 418.15; US Postal Service, 432.00; Record Keepers, 17.50; Verizon, 51.97; Xcel Energy, 4,400.11; JP Morgan, 1,509.48; Sam's Club, 33.82.

Reports heard: Elementary Principal Varriano; and HS Principal/Superintendent Beaudoin. Review of the monthly financial statement. 7:32 a.m. Mrs. Lorenz and five FBLA members that earned their way to attend the national convention in Anaheim, CA from June 27 to July 3, 2025 entered the room and received a round of applause. After an introduction and statement of their accomplishment, the group presented their request for the District to pay for their nationals registration fee. They left the room at 7:36 a.m.

Handly, M; Askim, S; to hold a second reading and approve the following policies: FFA, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use Abuse and IDC, Data Protection & Security Breaches as written and that they become the official policies of this District.

Letcher motioned, Handly seconded, carried 5-0 to rescind the following Hatton Eielson School District policies: ABDA, Accessibility Policy, dated 10-8-21; ABDA-BR2, Website Accessibility Concerns, Complaints and Grievances, dated 9-14-21; DDC, Unpaid Leave, dated 7-21-15; DFAA, Teacher Evaluation, dated 1-10-17; DGAA, Teacher Grievance Procedure, dated 6-15-15; DGGA, Professional Development Plan, dated 12-10-21; DKA, Reduction-in-Force, dated 7-21-15; FF, Student Conduct and Discipline, dated 3-9-10; FFA, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse, dated 5-8-18; FGDB, Student Handbooks, dated 5-9-17; GABAA, English Learners, dated 12-8-20; GABDB, Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedure, dated 1-14-20; KACA, Patron Complaints, dated 1-14-22; KACB, Complaints About Personnel, dated 1-14-22; KADA, Weapons Prohibition on School Property - Public, dated 3-11-22; IDC, Data Protection & Security Breaches, dated 3-8-16; IAAA, Asbestos Management, dated 12-14-10; IAB, Buildings and Grounds Security Plan, dated 12-14-10; IDB, Risk Management, 7-17-12; IEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing, dated 7-21-15. These policies have been updated and adopted previously by the board.

7:41 a.m. FCCLA student entered the meeting and read a letter from FCCLA Co-Advisor Jana Jorgensen which respectfully requested the District to consider paying for her and her advisor's fees to nationals at Orlando, FL from July 5-9. She also told the group how she qualified for Nationals with her project. She received a round of applause and left the meeting at 7:49 a.m. Discussion held with Mr. Beaudoin and Mrs. Varriano on fundraising plans for both FBLA and FCCLA.

The meeting resumed:

Letcher, M; Askim, S; to approve the following policies for first reading: KAAA, Visitors in the School and KAAD, Distribution and Posting of Non-Curricular Material in School as written.

Strand, M; Handly, S; to reaffirm the following policies: KAAB, School Volunteer Program; KAAB-BR, Distribution and Posting of Non-Curricular Material in School Regulation; and JBA, Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities. No changes have been made to these policies.

Justin Askim is designated as the board rep for the 2025 graduation ceremony. Board review of open enrollment forms for two students to Grand Forks Public Schools. Askim, M; Letcher, S; to approve the Marco Technologies LLC proposal to order, install and invoice the Hatton Eielson School District for stated copiers and printers and enter into a 60 month lease.

Handly, M; Letcher, S; to pay the required registration fees for FBLA and FCCLA members and advisors to attend their respective national competitions.

The next item on the agenda is teacher negotiations strategy. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC 44-04-19.1(9). Letcher moved, Askim seconded, to close the meeting for executive session on teacher negotiation strategy. Upon roll call vote: Jacobson, yes; Askim, yes; Strand, yes; Letcher, yes; and Handly, yes. Those in the public were asked to leave. The recording of the meeting started at 8:05. Those in attendance: John Jacobson, Justin Askim, Fred Strand, Sig Letcher, Toby Handly, Jen Varriano, Kevin Beaudoin and Roxanne Phipps. The executive session ended at 9:16 a.m.

Upcoming meetings: Collaborative Bargaining Committee meeting, Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting, Friday, May 9th at 7:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 9:17 a.m.



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